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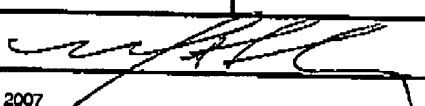
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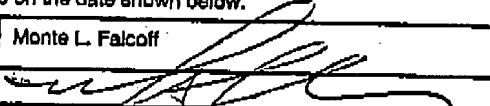
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121 AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

ELECTION

In response to the restriction dated December 19, 2006, Applicants' representative hereby provisionally elects the alleged Species IV, Figure 15, with traverse. The embodiment of Figure 15 closely overlaps that of Figure 13, especially when the claims are considered. Given this similarity and the expected overlap of searching classes/subclasses, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction and recombine at least Species IV and II. Furthermore, the restriction of

Species I-IV, Figures 7, 13, 14 and 15, does not make sense since the hardware shown therein can be used with any of the medical end use species; for example, see Paragraph Nos. [0111]-[0113] in combination with Paragraph Nos. [0119] and [0128]-[0131] of the application.

Moreover, the Examiner has not set forth a *prima facie* case supporting the restriction. Thus, again reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding, Applicants' Representative believes that the following claims read on Species IV, Figure 15: 1-5, 7-9, 11, 14, 26-54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 68 and 70-99. At least the following claims are believed to read on both Species IV and II: 1-5, 7-9, 11, 26-29, 31, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 65 and 70-99. Finally, at least the following claims are believed to be generic to all of the alleged species: 1-4, 7, 8, 53, 54, 59, 60 and 70-99.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.